## A GAMBLER'S PISTOL PLAY.

ENDING OF A POKER GAME IN FLOOD TIME IN ARKANSAS CITY. Two Shots with His Left Hand While His

Bight Was Natied to the Table with a Howie Katie-A Caus That Called for Quick Work by the Coroner, "I notice that the stories of lawlessness and rambunctious violence printed in the papers

from time to time are told, as a rule, of places far West or out of the usual run of travel," said the gray-headed young-looking man who sat in the card room of an up-town club the other night after the game had broken up. "I don't mean by that," he continued, "to question the truth of any of these stories. It only occurs to me that the writers take unnecessary pains in going so far away for their material. I have seen, right along the banks of the Mississippi River- and we call that pretty well East nowsome things as exciting as any of the mining camp yarns. And everything was wide open in some of the towns, too. I haven't been out there since '82, but that's not so long ago, and then it was not uncommon to find a gambling saloon on the main floor of the principal hotel in a flourlahing town. You could walk in as freely as you could into the barroom and play faro, keno, or poker at any hour of the day or ni ht.
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"The great hood of "St rather accontinated the devil-may-care condition of things; partly, I suppose, because there was not so much travelling on the river as usual and none at all by rail. Strangers were scarce in the civet cown, and the inhabitants were reduced to the necessity of gameling among themselves. No, there was mind a more interested on the inhabitants were reduced to the necessative of gameling among themselves. No, there was mind a more interested of the necessative of gameling among themselves. No, there was mind the inhabitants were reduced to the necessative of gameling among themselves. No, there was mind the game, which had not necessative of gameling and the game, which had not necessative there would be some. There was enough, at all events, to make the citizens of Memphis enforce pretty strictly a city ordinance against them."

"That's right, "asaid a drummer who was of the party. "I was in Memphis then, and I remember the Mayor of a Kentucky city being sent to jail for ten days for carrying a pistol. He had plenty of more y and plenty of influence, too, but neither could save him from jail."

"Well, Memphis was the only city istruck on the river," said the first speaker, "where such a law was observed. I got caucht in Arkansas City, I remember, when I was trying to get to Little Rock, I arrived there just after the train had gone, so I had to etay over for forty-eight hours. It's only about a hundred mile, but there was only one train, and that took all day going up and all next day coming down. It was an accommodation train, and that took all day going the substance, with a basket of eggs on his arm which he wanted to ship as freight. The conductor told me, when I asked about it, that that was quite storage and the substance, with a basket of eggs on his arm which he wanted to ship as freight. The conductor told me, when I asked about it, that that was quite storage and the substance of the conductor of the reductor of the substance of the conductor of the substance of the substance of t

"'Why, twas only a nigger. You couldn't expect a white man to take changes to save him.' Niggers were not so valuable then as they were before the war."

"I don't know that the color line was so strictly drawn, though," interrupted the drummer again. "I saw a roustahout fall late the river one night at New Madrid, and he was a white man, too, but no effort was made to save him. The mate stepped to the a de of the boat and looked over, but he dal no more, and not one of the other rousters stopped work even for moment. They were unloading freight in a great hurry, and I think they were atraid of the mate. It was dark, to be sure, and the current was swift enough to carry off the strongest swimmer, but still I was surprised to see

swimmer, but still I was surprised to see no effort made to save the poor nevil. Before I recovered from my surprise it was too late to do anything, and it dian't seem to be wise to say anything, either:

"dood policy, sometimes, not to," resumed the your looking, gray-headed man, "Hearned to keep my month shut at a card table a long time ago, and that is why I had no part in a little disturbance that occurred the second day I was in arkaness tilly. I don't think there was more than one other stranger in town when I was. He had come there the day refere me, on the fran, and was waiting for a best up the river. I struck up an acquaintance with him, and he told me he was on his way home, after a business trip. I congratulated him and we took a drink on it, next door to the hote.

"We were both tired waiting, and there was nothing better to do in the blace, so we both sauntered to the room just back of the har. The door was wide open, and we saw cardinaying inside. Three men were playing poker, and we stood for a few moments looking on One of the three was a commal-looking old fellow, evidently a smerannuated transider. He must have been 10 years old, and his hands were very shake, but I could not make up my mind we letter the was pais ed or had been drink ing, or whether he was assuming deceeping an order to watch the cards note carefully as he dealf them. The latter seemed likely enough, and I suspected marked cards, so I pleaded ignorance of the gaine when one of the other players—the proprietor of the place, as I learned later—looked up with a pleasant smie and suggested that perhaps my friend and i would like to join in

later—booked up with a pleasant smile and swould like to join in "My 'ricend, as he called him—I didn't even know his name—was willing enough, and he eat in. I steed by, smoking and looking on for a few minutes, though i pretended not to be watching the game very closely. You can't be too careful about cheeving the etiquote of the place you're in. I have siways naticed, no matter what place it is, and the people around a card table are always lable to resent a noulsider's interest, if it even borders an inquisitiveness. Where the re-estiment is lable to be expressed with the use of a kinfe or a pix o, a wise man avoids showing his interest if he has aby.

In this case I hain't a great deal, I saw the game was crooked, but it made no diff-rance to me whether the other stranger knew if or not. If he did it was dog cat dog, and if he don't he deserved to lase for pix ing with strangers in each a pace. However, I not help pact; soon that the old fellow, whom the others called Major, and the proprietor, whom they at all dressed as Fete, were nothing measaly a nor and at each other from time to time, and that the third player, whose back was surreed toward me, was making an ostentations show of indiaghis cards from me, as if he suspected or learned in sund wanted me to know it. Accordingly I thought the wisest think for me was to simil hack to the front room and treat the battender. While we were drinking, another man earne in. He was, it think, the handsonest man I ever saw, though he was suchtly flushed was history nearly including else to do. The newcomer, however, was a little anove the medium neight, with a symmetrical form, magnificent chestand shoulders, and the eary motion and graceful carrage of a skilled athiets, the massed areaty interested, as I said, and I continued taking to the card room, colding to the barseeper and merely gauctine as me, and I heard him say:

"The response was pleasant and he took a seat. Up to this time i had not been greatly interested, as I said, and I continued taking to the excl friend, as he colled him -I didn't even

"Tabpeal to the table. Gentlemen, did I open it?"
"No, sir,' said the old Major, promptly enough. Topened it myself, and dropped out after I was raised twice. Jack, shut up: The gentleman is playing all right."
"But Jack wouldn's jain up. On the contrary he became more furious." Tols is a hell of a game? he shouted, and leaned to his feet like a panther, totally oblivious of the few checks in front or him. He had lost nearly all he had bought on coming in.

"The stranger never moved, though I expected to see weapons drawn. He looked Jack full in the face with a soil of hew iderment on his own face, and each nothing. Jack stool for a moment, and while I was wondering whether the stranger was showing nerve, or was really

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"The stranger looked around at the other players, and there was a distinct drawl in his words as he said:

"What is the marter with that man?"

"Oh, nothing, said Pete, carelessly. 'You mustn' mind him. He killed a man yesterday, and he's been drinking a good deal to-day. He's a little excited, but it doesn't mean anything.

"Hut why did he rush out so curiously?"
persisted the stranger.

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"Well, I suppose ever to the hotel and get inv gain. I left it in my saichel."

"Why, certainly,' said the others, and he arose, leaving his chips on the table, and went out of the blace. He said nothing when he passed im, and I thought there was a good chance for one. I don't drink fast as a rule, but it seemed to be a good time to treat again, and when the glasses were emptled I said:

"Tid he really kill a man yesterday?"

"Yes, said the barrender, indifferently.

"There was a fellow tried to get funny with him in his saloon next door, and when Jack ordered him out and he wouldn't go Jack shot him."

"Wan't he arrested? I asked.

"No, he wast't exactly arrested, but he matter before the Ciranic Jack."

peared before the Commer and teld how it was, and the Coroner sout lied have to lay the matter before the Grand Jury."

"He wasn't before dip then? I persisted.

"Oh, no. You see, Jank's very popular around here, and he signt quite some property, too. I don't think the boys would have liked it much it lied been backed up.

"While I was meditating on this the stranger came have and resuming his seat at the table.

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TEACHING LITTLE AH SID.

NEW YORK'S CHINESE DAY SCHOOL AND IIS 32 PUPILS.

Bright Chaps, Every One of Them-They Came Here from the Celestial Empire to Ort American Education and Training-What Miss Rogers Has Done with Her Blant-Eyed Charges in Four Months -The Mission Mchool Overcrowded,

Nearly every one has read about Little Ah lid, who, all agreed, was a "cute little kid." That description of one Chinese youngster was securate if Ah Sid was anything like the thirty-two Chinese boys who are attending school a Specialty. In this city now. The youngest of the little cllow-skinned, oblique-eyed chaps is ten years old, and the eldest not yet sixteen. Where are they, and now did they get here, and where did they come from? These questions shall be answered in reverse order. They came direct from the Celestial Empire, landing in San Francisco about the first of June, without being able to say so much as "rata" in English. They were brought over here at the earnest request of their parents by the Rev. Hute Kin. superintendent of the day school for Chine e boys connected with Chinese Mission No. 1 at 14 University place.

This mission the first in the city, was established in 1868 at Five Points, and was then under the care of Miss Goodrich. About fifteen years ago the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church took this mission under care, and moved it up town. years later the Board selected Mr. Hule as its superintendent. He is endowed with the industrious, patient, economical, and ingenious traits of the Chinese race. Added to these he has a collegiate education, received here. It was not until four years ago that Mr. Hule saw his way clear to establishing a day school

for Chinese boys. His idea was to give to such as wanted it a primary English education that would fit them to enter other schools. At once about a dozen lads, sons of merchants and laundrymen in the city, seized on this opportunity, and the average yearly attendance has been from ten to twelve until now. The course covers three years, and very few drop out before its completion. About a year are Mr. Hule received urgent requests from the parents of boys living around Canton and

santhemum. Lee doe" she said, turning to the very youngest of all.

"They are yellow and white and red," he relied glinly.

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"They grow in the garden," spoke uptids boy prompily. He is one of the smartes of the lot, and is always ready. After another by had told that rees and shrubs also grow in the garden the teacher asked him to name something to eat, which he liked, that also grows in the garden the teacher asked him to name something to eat, which he liked, that also grows in the garden the teacher asked him to name something. The very thought of his favorite vegetable made him forget the rule that compels the molis to make a seatench in answering a question, and when the teacher asked all to tell her some garden product that they liked, one was led to be leve that the first foreigness are as much interested in their directual development. They chordied with the globs of a pack of young gentralined at the single of young gentralined at the single of the sweatherst, "bears," conditiones," "cautilower," bears," and there was every indication that they would have been chording still had the teacher not stoned them.

The bots call their copo decens the shurch, because when they first came they attended Sunday school has grown so large however, that it is now conducted at Lens, Hill, 3d First avenus. They speak of that hall as the big otherch. They talked intelligeably about all of the furrishings of their school com, its size and ventilation, and it was rathing and as spirit of pure boyish mischief that prompted Lee Joe to say that the big organ was in the bookcase when Miss Rocers asked him where it was. His schoolmates thour't this as the lings that are sweet or sour or bitter. Perhaps Chin Fong was in same the authorism in the broken were they fell to talk the share life. It is a fine brother is a medical student in faviou, and no doubt has arred his lea ning

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IT PUTS GUILE INTO HONEST NUT-

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THOMASTON, Conn., Nov. 12,-There were lively times at Lester Gray's old-fa-bloned Thankagiving shooting match over near Mount om, in the Milton country, on Tuesday. Gray is an elderly Yankee farmer, who is as sharp in driving a trade as the best of his townsmen, and his annual Thank-giving shoots have been an attraction for many years. From the fact that there has been lately some objection on the part of friends of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to the shooting of live birds at Gray's matches, the shoot was held earlier than usual this season to avoid any possibility of interference from the officers of the law, a practice of attending these events, which are called "field trials" by Farmer Gray.

About seventy-five men and boys were at Tuesday's shoot, which was confined to the killing of chickens with shotguns at ten rods at 10 cents per shot, and the slaughter of turkeys with rifles at forty reds at 25 cents per bullet. For those who did not care to shoot at live fowl, Gray had provided circular targets of seasoned obestnut wood, about five inches in diameter, to be short at for chickens only, "three short to stick in the ring." At his former "field trials" Gray has been accused by some of the shooting fraternity of certain sharp practices, by means of which he has been bene fited at their expense, and, although he convincingly denies this impeachment of his integrity, several attempts were made by his patrons at this week's affair to get even with the old man for alleged wrongs. The shooting went merrily enough until Hank

Pratt arrived at about 12 o'clock. At this time Gray had lost thirty pairs of chickens and twenty-three turkeys, his receibts for the same, however, being quite satisfactory to him. In arranging the birds to be shot at the chickens were perched on top of a box to which they were tied by one leg and the mark-men were not regarded as having won a bird until they wounded it severely enough to cause it to fall down. Some of the chickens were shot at twenty times before they fell. The turkeys were suspended by the legs from a rail. The

the day.

After this Gray is eathed rather more freely, and the shoother was resulting, as the marksmen were now sate fied that he was not a party to the acception in targets. The day was not to pass, however, without further trouble. It came when Iko Kelegg, a sure shot from up Cornwall way, appeared with his son Orrin and his laworite shoothan free, a long-barreled oid Springhen rife with a large ours, that carries a phenomenally here charge of shot. Ike wanted to shoot at one kens. He was considerably intoxicated, and, although he was regarded as a near shot, Gray thought hint perhaps the accord would make his am unstrady, and that it hight consequently be profitable to let him try a few shots.

Kellogg's operations with his gun when he is intoxicated are of a character that always interest his acquaintances. He always overcharges the piece, causing it to throw shot with deadly effect, and also causing the gun to kink as hard as the provertial mule. At the same time the gun either skins his cheek, seas him quite haif way round, or knocke him down, After a few shots of this character, however, he always obers up enough to do effective work.

"Leanme try her this way, Orrin," said keilogg to his son, as he brough the gan up to his cheek and pulled the trigger. There was a flash, a rour, and the old gan went in other leet, advising:

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"Ram her down, Orrin! Ram her down!" Relings fired the gon again, with the same re-sult as before, except that he -ceined to be growing suber. As he staggered to his feet again, he creat out: "Ham her down, Orrin! Ram her down!" At length Kellogs steaded down so that he



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nobody has had more perfect digestive organs than he. The bowels perform their functions with regularity; there is no distress after eating, no bearlache, no bearlac The same gentleman also relates that " if he occasionally stays a little too late at the club and meets convivial commanions, a Tabule taken before going to bed wards off every unpleasant after offec.

began to pick tray's checkens off. He shot seven of them in such rapid ancession that Gray told him to stop shooting, as he had a sure thing. This energed Rellogs beyond measure, the journed a large quantity of powder and shot into his gan and ramined it down himself. Then he took deliberate am at a coop of chickens not over five rods distant, and before he could be stopped by driving at it, the old Spring field belching forth such a tremendous valley that twelve of the foods were either killed or wounded, and the coop torn open so that the rest were set free.

Gray now declares that he will hold no more Thanksgiving shooting matches, because there is no money in them in these fault-induling times. But his friends say and hence that he will not allow his time-honored practice to lapse.

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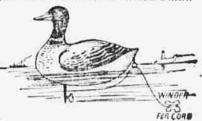
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dure the sound of a gun without rising in flocks, and then good-by to them for the day. Reports from almost all sections give promise of an unusually fine season when once the abundant food supply is curtailed and the birds receive a little of that buffeting by wind and water which incline them to accept more readily the conditions that make the harvest for the



Bay, around the inlet, at the present time, than have been known for year-, and the reports are to the effect that redheads, cubbeads, widgeon teal, and broadbills are pientiful. They are fat as butter, owing to the great quantity of young mussels along shere. One professional shot sends word that from Cedar Creek to the Ciam islands there are blocks of them, but that they rise at a passing boat and away they go. The best gunning up to date has been at the Sedge Islands, and some fair bays have been made on favorable days. This is about the only place worth visiting. Geese are appearing, and two canvasbacks, very scarce here, were shot last week. Long Island reports are also good, especially from the lower end of the island, at Good Ground, and around there, while sport as soon a he weather freshens a little



There is always room for something new in decays, and an acceptable nevelty this season is found in the flexible inflatable sleepys that can be blown up when they are to be used, but occupy very little space to carry. Hitherto all decoys of this type have had a great weakness for fall ing over on one side and playing other unnatural pranks in any breeze above a ripple. This has been by reason of their extreme lightness and the fact that the anchor has been placed directly below the body. The improvement in the new decoys is that each duck has an iron sinker shaped like a bluefi-h line winder, and the cord affixed to the centre of the body is carried through a tiny swivel placed at the tail of the bird. This is claimed to prevent all capsizing. It may do so, but it would seem to the practical wild fowler as if it would have the effect of turning the bird's tail to the wind romething a live duck is never known to do and therefore the small swivel should be placed at the neck instead of at the tail. There is also a very good profile coose decoy made on the model of

the duck necoys described last season. For those who go in for meadow snooting where the ducks or geese fly inland to feed a stacking horse or rather cow has been invented SKUNKS FOND OF HONEY BEES. upon a new line. Hitherto these have been very ungainly, have needed two men to work them, and have been almost unmanageable exthem, and have been almost unmanageable except in very calm weather. The framework of the new one is of very light willow, and at the fore shoulder of the frame is a place for a man's head to lit in, so that the weight of the whole is carried on the head and shoulders. As the man's legs was in the sheath at the fore legs to the cow, the hind legs by a single device are made to keep step automatically. The head and tail can be moved in any direction at the will of the cow, the hind legs by a single device are made to keep step automatically. The head and tail can be moved in any direction at the will of the hunter. When the staik has been made successfully, and the hunter is within shot, the pulling of a tray bolt causes the front part of the frame to fail apart, leaving the hunter uncommbered and ready for ashot.

For the use of river and marsh fowlers almoinum skiffs are made. There is a device by which an eignitude project private by a four-coil plunge electric battery may be attached. The apparatus weights only thirty-five pounds, and for getting to doating birds in smooth water with a well binded boar would probably be successful and useful.

This year the matter of duck gans is attracting considerable attention. The general demand is for a gun with 12, owners of shot and 40 grains of wood powder, is estimated to be equal to a pressure of from 27 to 40 pounds, and from a 10-bore, with a correspondation of the power of th cept in very calm weather. The framework of

by well hored and are said to have a poorpation that will finite a B it show to the said of a function at a metal target 100 yards distant. Quite a halo of romance hangs around some of the old heavy guage duck guins which are laid up in layender in the various fowing resorts; but it is safe to say that not many of them would duplicate their record at a larget, and it has been only within the last ten years that artistic choking for long close shooting from a medium weight gun has been understood by the majority of the manufacturers. Today, with a charge of from one and a half to one and three-quirters offices of large shot, there are many 12-tone guns which are capable of magnificent execution, and it is not becassary to go to Europe and give Solo each for them either. The new condensed powders, which are rapidly whoming layor, are regarded by maty as likely to make a creat change in favor of the lighter gun, and with their quick ignition and reduced recoil, surprising results have been achieved.